IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No.

: Continuation of 09/849,402

Applicant

Victoria Knepp Maskiewicz et al.

Filed

: Herewith

Art Unit

Examiner

Docket No.

: ARC 2468 N2

Customer No.

: 27777

Title

: Stable Protein and Nucleic Acid Formulations Using Non-Aqueous,

Anhydrous, Aprotic, Hydrophobic, Non-Polar Vehicles with Low

Reactivity

Mail Stop Patent Application Commissioner for Patents P. O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Sir:

This is a preliminary amendment filed with a continuation application of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/849,402. Please make the following amendments to the specification and claims prior to examination of the above-referenced application.

Amendments to the Specification are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 5 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.